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NYC: The piggybank of presidential pols

► New Yorkers dole out the big bucks on Romney and Obama ► Upper West Side and Chelsea donate to president, while Upper East is sweet on GOP front-runner
► Either way, November White House winner will owe a lot to New York City {page 02}

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Nature. Removal



► The city ordered 10 cherry trees — in full bloom — to be chopped down in Queens over the weekend, after city officials determined the trees were sick.

Well, that's one way to celebrate springtime. As the city prepared to start construction on an atrium outside Queens Borough Hall, it ordered nearly a dozen blossoming cherry trees to be hacked down during the weekend. City officials said it was necessary because the trees were diseased. But one park advocate, bemoaning the "cherry blossom tree massacre," said the trees looked perfectly healthy to him. {page 04}

News

Seven dead in shooting spree at Calif. college

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Oh baby, these bottles are cool

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In the news



Possible terror threat against New York City?

The NYPD is investigating what may be a thinly veiled threat against New York City discovered on Internet forums yesterday. The image, which looks like a movie poster, reads "Al Qaeda Coming Soon Again in New York." According to police, the image has been spotted on a few Arabic-language al Qaeda forums. **METRO/CB**

In the news

Baby drowns in bathtub

An 11-month-old baby boy died in the bathtub Sunday afternoon after his mother said she left him alone for just a few minutes, according to the New York Post. After giving her children a bath, the child's mother left Elijah Pardella, 11 months old, and his 3-year-old sister in the tub with the drain unplugged, the Post reported. But when she returned, the child was not breathing. **METRO/CB**

NY divide: West Side for Obama, East backs Romney

► Some of Mitt Romney's top donators come from three Upper East Side ZIP codes
 ► UES Republicans more concerned with fiscal matters than debates over gay marriage, say politicians
 ► Statewide, Obama's raised \$9.9 million from New Yorkers, Romney \$8.2 million

Manhattan's Upper West Side is blue, while the Upper East Side leans red, but either way, New York City is bankrolling both President Barack Obama's and Republican challenger Mitt Romney's campaigns.

Three ZIP codes on the East Side of Manhattan are among the most lucrative locations for Romney to raise campaign cash. And three ZIP codes on the west side are ranked as the top areas where Obama has collected money, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, a Washington-based research group that tracks campaign donations.

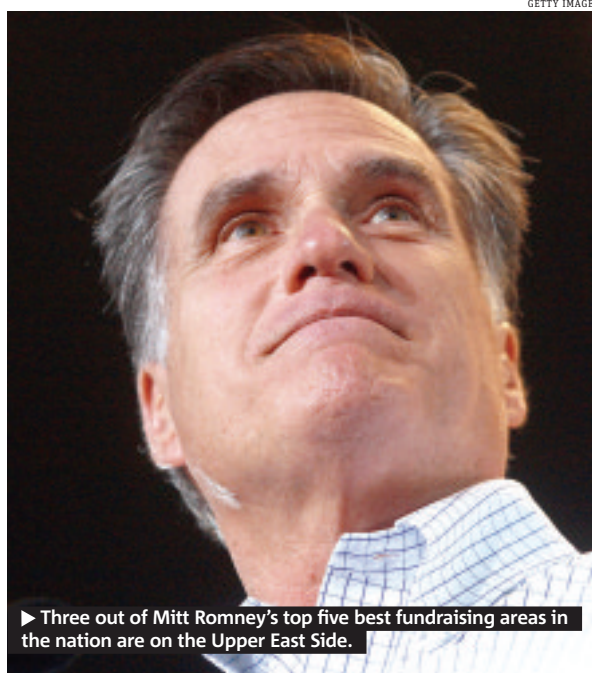
Obama has raised \$1.7 million from three ZIP codes along the Hudson River, 10024, 10023 and 10011. Romney, meanwhile, brought in \$1.5 million from ZIP codes 10021, 10128 and 10065 along the East River.

"There are many more rich individuals on the East Side than on the West Side," former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo said.

Many of those donating to Romney work on Wall Street and are attracted to his background as a founder of the Boston-based private-equity firm Bain Capital LLC, said Rep. Peter King, a Republican from Long Island.

"A lot of the big-money people are, or will be, supporting Romney," he said.

Besides those in New York,



► Three out of Mitt Romney's top five best fundraising areas in the nation are on the Upper East Side.

"If Mitt Romney lived in Manhattan, he'd probably live on the East Side."

UPPER WEST SIDE CONGRESSMAN
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residents of Palm Beach, Florida, and Greenwich, Connecticut, are among Romney's most generous contributors. Obama's most financially fertile

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FORMER NEW YORK GOV.
 MARIO CUOMO

non-New York ZIP codes include 90210 in Beverly Hills, Calif., plus areas of Chicago and Washington, D.C.

It's not all GOP on the Upper East Side

There is some overlap however, as residents in the Upper East Side ZIP code 10021 have donated to President Barack Obama, as well. Contributors from that ZIP code include Romney backer Stephen Schwarzman, the CEO of Blackstone Group, and Marc Lasry, founder and partner of Avenue Capital Group, who co-hosted a fundraiser in the city last month for Obama.

Top five ZIP codes nationwide that have donated to Mitt Romney.

- 1 33480 Palm Beach, Fla. \$616,196
- 2 10021 Upper East Side \$599,450
- 3 06830 Greenwich, Conn. \$504,950
- 4 10128 Upper East Side \$467,025
- 5 10065 Upper East Side \$456,118

Top five ZIP codes nationwide that have donated to Barack Obama.

- 1 10024 Upper West Side \$648,188
- 2 10023 Upper West Side \$516,187
- 3 10011 Chelsea \$497,799
- 4 60614 Chicago, Ill. \$474,949
- 5 10021 Upper East Side \$444,923

New York's East Side had traditionally been home to wealthy Republicans, while the West Side wasn't as well-to-do and would back Democrats, said Alan Chartock, a professor of political communication at the State University of New York in Albany. "While the city has become more Democratic, some of that balance still exists," Chartock said.

Still, those Republicans in New York are less likely to be

as motivated as their southern counterparts by such issues as opposition to abortion and gay marriage than they are by financial matters, say political watchers.

"You still have the same old-line Republican money," said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, a Democrat who represents Manhattan's West Side. "If Mitt Romney lived in Manhattan, he'd probably live on the East Side." **BLOOMBERG**

Tightrope walker plans return to Grand Central

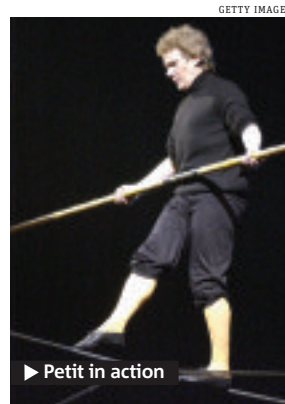
GRAND CENTRAL. The world's most famous tightrope walker may be tiptoeing high above Grand Central Station next year.

Daredevil Frenchman Philippe Petit walked above Grand Central Terminal 25 years ago, on a wire stretching from two windows, and he promised to do it again when the station celebrates

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PHILIPPE PETIT

its 100-year anniversary in 2013, the New York Post reports. **METRO/AB**



► Petit in action

Park Slope parents now moaning over ice cream

PARK SLOPE. It's not easy being a mom in Park Slope.

According to the New York Post, the Park Slope Parents online forum was riddled with rants by angry moms who claim their trips to the playground were ruined by temper tantrums sparked by ice cream.

"Two different people came into the actual

playground with ice cream/Italian ice push carts," one angry mom said. "I was able to avoid it for a little while but eventually I left with a crying 4-year-old."

"I should not have to fight with my children every warm day on the playground just so someone can make a living!" another mom added.

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Celebrity. Central Park



► "Cutting the grass is dope!" is something Tom Haverford of "Parks and Recreation" might say.

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Ansari knows a thing or two about 'Parks'

Tom Haverford, the character played by Aziz Ansari on NBC's "Parks & Recreation," was on hand yesterday to give Central Park's Sheep Meadow its annual end-of-winter trim. Ansari joined the Central Park Conservancy to mow the northwest corner of Sheep Meadow near West Drive and 67th Street. And sunbathers, get ready: After a long winter's dormancy, Central Park's beloved lawns will reopen for your spring-summer sitting pleasure this Saturday. ● METRO/CB

Cherry blossom trees chopped in Queens

GEOFFREY CROFT/NYC PARK ADVOCATES



► City officials said the trees — in full bloom — were diseased.

As spring unfolds in New York, just as the city's trees and flowers are beginning to bloom, some are bemoaning what they call a cherry blossom massacre in Queens.

City officials ordered 10 cherry blossom trees to be hacked down this weekend outside Queens Borough Hall.

Geoffrey Croft, the president of NYC Park Advocates, a watchdog group for the city's green spaces, first reported that the grove of trees — in full bloom — were cut down.

Julianne Cho, a spokeswoman for the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, told Metro that the trees were cut down as part of a construction project at the site. While workers prepared to add an atrium onto Queens Borough Hall, an assessment of the trees found that 10 were diseased and needed to be removed, Cho said.

But Croft disputed the

\$13M

The \$13 million construction project that led to the chopping down of the blooming cherry trees is to build a glass atrium intended for public events, including indoor and outdoor spaces for purposes like housing lines of couples waiting to marry.

city's claim that the trees were sick. "With the exception of one, all other trees appeared to be healthy," he countered.

Cho said the city has promised they will plant healthy trees after the atrium is constructed. But Croft said what was once a scenic backdrop for couples getting married at the borough hall has now been destroyed.



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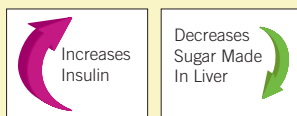
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JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA: Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

Call 1-888-JANUVIA or visit Januvia.com.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Please read the Medication Guide on the adjacent page for more detailed information.



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Prescriber

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Medication Guide

JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:

- rash
- raised red patches on your skin (hives)
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.

- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **“What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?”**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor’s instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.

- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **“What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?”**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
 - headache
 - drowsiness
 - weakness
 - dizziness
 - confusion
 - irritability
 - hunger
 - fast heart beat
 - sweating
 - feeling jittery

- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **“Who should not take JANUVIA?”**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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Active ingredient: sitagliptin.

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What is type 2 diabetes?

Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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- This voucher is valid for 1 free 30-day trial supply of JANUVIA.
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- Valid for 1-time use only. Free trial offer is valid only for up to 30 tablets of JANUVIA. No purchase is necessary. Refills are not required.
- This voucher is not transferable. No substitutions are permitted. Cannot be combined with any other free trial, coupon, discount, prescription savings card, or other offer.
- **This voucher is not insurance.**

- You must be 18 years or older to redeem this voucher. Patient, pharmacist, and prescriber agree not to seek reimbursement for all or any part of the benefit received by the patient through this offer.

The free trial supply of JANUVIA cannot be used toward any out-of-pocket costs under any plan (such as true out-of-pocket expense [TrOOP]).

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Macy's keeps fireworks on Hudson River

Sorry, Brooklyn — again.

The Macy's fireworks display will be on the Hudson River again this year, the store announced yesterday, despite local officials and businesses clamoring for the celebrated show to return to the East River.

Macy's spokesman Orlando Veras told Metro that barges holding the fireworks will float between 18th and 48th streets in the Hudson.

The company has not yet decided about future years, Veras said. The fire-

works were moved to the Hudson in 2009, and have yet to return east.

State Sen. Daniel Squadron hosted a rally at Brooklyn Bridge Park, urging the fireworks to be brought back. Their current spot limits the number of New Yorkers who can watch, he said, and sends visitors to New Jersey to spend money, instead of staying in the five boroughs. "The Fourth of July fireworks should be a citywide celebration," Squadron said. "Instead, millions of New Yorkers who live in Brooklyn, Queens and the East Side of Manhattan are kept out of the party." **METRO/AB**

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Solitary confinement is on the rise at Rikers

► Rikers Island reports 44 percent increase in number of solitary cells
► Meanwhile, jails across the country are reducing their use of isolation

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Over the last two years, the Department of Corrections has nearly doubled the number of "punitive segregation" cells — their term for solitary confinement — at Rikers Island.

The 44 percent jump, DOC Commissioner Dora Schriro testified at a City Council budget hearing in March, constitutes "the most significant increase in the department's history." The total number of punitive segregation cells at the jail is now 1,035.

New York City also has one of the highest solitary confinement rates in the nation.

Jail officials say solitary is necessary to curtail an uptick in violence and deal with inmates who commit serious

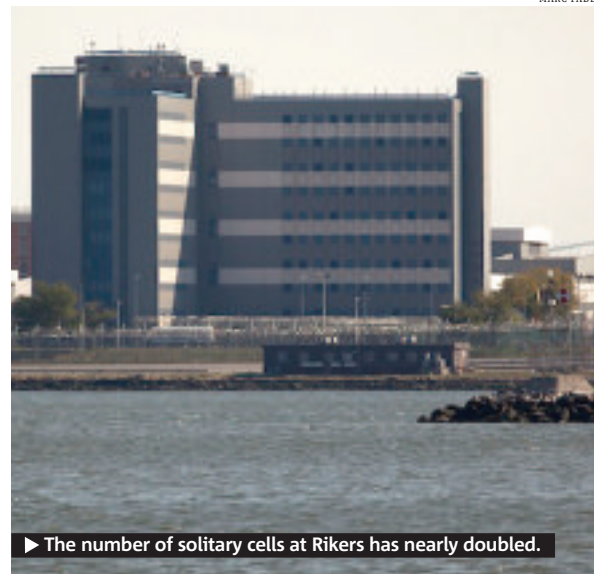
rule violations.

But prisoner advocates argue the increase is alarming because it comes at a time when the inmate population in the city's jails is at a low. From 2001 to 2010, admissions to city jails fell by 20 percent and their average daily population dropped by 10 percent, according to the Mayor's Management Report.

New York is unique in expanding solitary confinement; jails nationwide have been reducing their use of segregated units. This fall, a United Nations expert called on countries to ban the practice except under the most extreme circumstances, likening the mental health effects of prolonged solitary confinement to torture.

Advocates also point to research that says solitary confinement could make some inmates more violent. "We're at a terrible point where management is really overly punitive," said Sarah Kerr, of the Legal Aid Society's Prisoners Rights Project. "The idea that other places are realizing the error and trying to reform, and New York is doing the opposite, is really a problem."

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► The number of solitary cells at Rikers has nearly doubled.

More solo cells built

► In 2009, there were more than 1,200 inmates waiting to be placed in solitary confinement at Rikers Island.

► Since then, the Department

of Corrections has added 325 units. That brings the total capacity to 1,035 solitary beds, according to DOC spokeswoman Sharman Stein.

► As of press time, 914 inmates were being held in punitive segregation cells at Rikers Island prison.

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Seven killed in shooting at Oakland college

A gunman opened fire at a private Christian college in California yesterday, killing at least seven people and wounding three others after telling former classmates to "get in line ... I'm going to kill you all."

A suspect in what was the deadliest U.S. school shooting in five years was later arrested at a shopping mall several miles away from the scene of the shooting at Oakland's Oikos University, which appears to cater largely to the area's Korean community.

The school's founder, Pastor Jong Kim, told the Oakland Tribune newspaper that the gunman had been a nursing student there, but was no longer enrolled.

Authorities did not immediately offer a motive for the

rampage, but said they believed the gunman had acted alone.

Witnesses said he entered a reception area of the college at mid-morning and opened fire before walking into one of two classes in session and spraying the room with bullets.

Paul Singh, whose 19-year-old sister Devinder Kaur was shot in the arm during Monday's rampage, told Reuters that according to his sister, the man was a former student at the college who showed up to class for the first time in four months.

"'Get in line and I'm going to kill you all,' is what he said this morning, my sister told me. They thought he was joking at first," Singh said.

REUTERS



► Sheriff coroner vans arrive at Oikos University after seven people were killed on campus in Oakland, Calif.

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Supreme Court upholds jailhouse strip searches

WASHINGTON. The Supreme Court yesterday upheld strip searches of new jail inmates, even those arrested for minor traffic offenses, ruling that security concerns outweigh personal privacy rights.

By a 5-4 vote, splitting along conservative-liberal ideological lines, the high court rejected the argument that the searches violated privacy rights and cited concerns by jailers about a suspect hiding drugs, weapons or other contraband.

14M Number of Americans who spend time in jail or prison every year, including an estimated 700,000 in jail for minor offenses.

In the opinion for the court's conservative majority, Justice Anthony Kennedy concluded the jail search procedures "struck a reasonable balance" between inmate privacy and the needs of the institution. **REUTERS**

Suu Kyi hails 'triumph of the people' in vote

YANGON, MYANMAR. Nobel Peace laureate Aung San Suu Kyi's party won a landslide in an election for vacant parliamentary seats, a victory she hailed yesterday as a "triumph of the people" after decades of mili-

tary dictatorship.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party won 40 of the 45 available seats in Sunday's poll, the Election Commission announced on state television, dealing a crushing blow to a ruling party created by the former military junta that kept her locked her up for 15 years.

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They are women — hear them vote

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In the end it may not matter whether, as Democrats would have us all believe, Republicans truly are waging a “War on Women” through recent attacks on contraception, sexual liberation and other reproductive health issues. Because one important voting bloc seems to have reached a telling consensus on this issue: the ladies.

According to a new USA Today/Gallup poll of 12 battleground states, Obama currently leads Romney by 18 points among women voters. The president actually trails his likely election foe by 1 point among men, but women more than make up for that slight gap: All told, Obama leads Romney by nine points, 51 to 42 percent, in key swing states.

The trend is hardly new, of course. Bill Clinton won the

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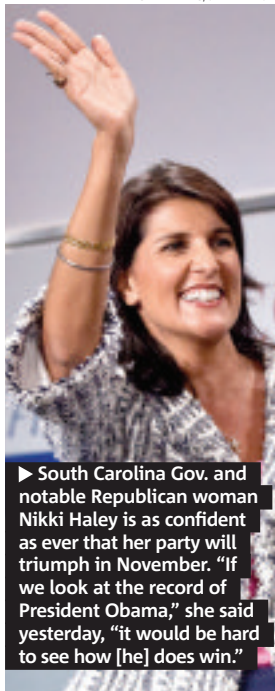
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Obama has twice the support of women under 50 when compared with Romney, according to the latest poll on the issue.

10-15 According to Pew, men are more individualistic than women by some 15 percentage points, meaning women tend to favor social programs that Republicans oppose.

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► South Carolina Gov. and notable Republican woman Nikki Haley is as confident as ever that her party will triumph in November. “If we look at the record of President Obama,” she said yesterday, “it would be hard to see how [he] does win.”

presidency 16 points up among women in 1996, despite trailing Bob Dole by 1 point among men. In 2000, the party sex gap hit 22 points; in 2004, 14; and in 2008, 12.

So there is some evidence to suggest that the voter disparity is just a fact of electoral life. Then again, Obama was losing to Romney in those same states in an early February poll conducted by the same organization. Has anything happened since that month that could perhaps explain the massive GOP exodus?

Let's see. The opening salvo of the so-called war was fired on Feb. 2: the now-infamous Komen flap, in which it was revealed that conservative execs of the women's health charity were conspiring to distance the organization from health services (and yes, abortion) provider Planned Parenthood. Shortly thereafter

came loud Republican outrage to the Obama administration's individual mandate, specifically the requirement for religiously-affiliated institutions to provide birth control services via employer health plans; party leaders did a poor job of framing this as an issue of religious liberty rather than patriarchal dominance. The culture battle reached catastrophic dimensions mid-month, however, after Rush Limbaugh criticized activist Susan Fluke as a slut and worse over her attempt to testify before an otherwise all-male panel of religious leaders opposed to the birth control measure.

There's more. Rick Santorum sugar daddy Foster Freiss elevated the discussion by suggesting women simply place aspirin between their knees rather than rely on pregnancy-preventing pharmaceuticals. And who can forget the actual laws sponsored by Republican politicians in what could too

easily be taken for a nationwide assault on the fairer sex: From multiple attempts to redefine rape and restrict abortion rights; to party-wide calls for cuts to government aid for those including low-income moms; and even, in South Dakota, a bill that could have decriminalized murdering abortion doctors.

It probably doesn't help that a bomb was detonated this past Sunday at a Wisconsin Planned Parenthood. But then, how much more help could conservatives — because let's be honest, this probably wasn't an act of Occupy Wall Street — give to Democrats this election season, a campaign that many thought would be an easy win for the opposition party? Perhaps their next big idea involves repeal of the 19th Amendment.

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Octomom: Outta money, not children



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Elizabeth Banks is experiencing technical difficulties, Edgar Wright is questioning his sources, Paris Hilton has eclectic tastes and Albert Brooks is trying to be sensitive.

@ElizabethBanks: Autocorrect just changed Thurs to Thugs three times. I forgot Thugs was a word. Probably because it's not 1956.

@edgarwright: A simple internet rule is this: don't get your news from film sites that either don't watch films or seem to hate them all equally.

@ParisHilton: In bed trying to figure out which movie to watch. Deciding between The Tree of Life, Horrible Bosses, The Grey & Tangled. Thoughts?

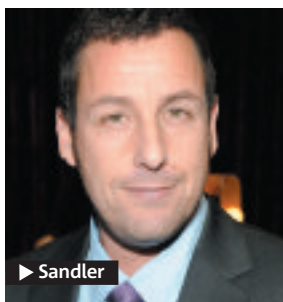
@AlbertBrooks: Have a pretty funny joke about Lincoln but I think it's too soon.



Considering she doesn't have a job, husband or any way to support her 14 children, it's slightly impressive that **Nadya Suleman** held out this long. But no more: The Octomom is now on welfare and is receiving death threats because of it.

She tells TMZ.com that the \$2,000 a month she gets from the state of California in food stamps is to avoid "becoming totally destitute." According to TMZ, she's been receiving death threats since the welfare news broke — but she feels people should be directing their anger toward those "who are abusing the system and not at her."

True. But what about stupid people who abuse fertility drugs to have way more children they — and society — can possibly support in a misguided attempt at fame? What do we



► Sandler

direct that anger toward?

Sandler is a big winner at losing

Adam Sandler has a new record, but it's probably not one he wants to brag about. The actor's gender-bender comedy "Jack and Jill" — in which he played male and female

twins — earned 10 of the 12 Razzies for which it was nominated over the weekend. The Razzies — or Golden Raspberries — celebrate the worst in film each year. "It's not really a clean sweep," Razzies founder John Wilson tells People magazine. "So it will go into the record books with an asterisk." The previous record-holder for most wins was Lindsay Lohan's 2006 film "I Know Who Killed Me." Some of the trophies "Jack and Jill" earned include worst picture, both worst actor and actress for Sandler, worst supporting actress for **David Spade** (who also donned drag) and worst supporting actor for **Al Pacino**.

Then again, "Jack and Jill" made \$142,251,636 against its \$79 million budget — so don't feel too bad for Sandler. He's crying all the way to the bank.



The Octomom: Single-handedly bankrupting the state of California?

Talking points

Levine and girlfriend split up

Adam Levine and model **Anne Vyalitsyna** have broken up, according to Hollyscoop. The very high-profile couple was previously seen walking the Victoria's Secret runway hand-in-hand and posing nude for Vogue Russia together last November, but apparently all wasn't well at home, as Levine and Vyalitsyna "got into a big fight in January" that nearly ended the relationship, a source says.



► Levine and Vyalitsyna

"Adam and I have decided to separate in an amicable and supportive manner," Vyalitsyna says in a statement confirming the split. "We still love and respect each other as friends, I wish him all the best." The pair met in 2010 at a Sport Illustrated swimsuit issue launch event where Maroon 5 was also performing.

It's a fourth daughter for Willis

Bruce Willis and **Emma Heming Ray**, over the weekend, according to Entertainment Tonight. The new parents are "overjoyed" about the arrival, according to

their reps. Mabel weighed in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce. This is the first child for the couple, who tied the knot in 2009. Willis has three daughters with ex-wife **Demi Moore**.

Kutcher to star in Jobs biopic

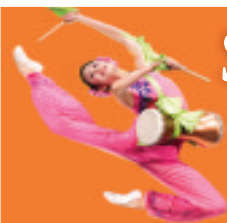
"Two and a Half Men" star **Ash-ton Kutcher** knows how he's spending his summer vacation: playing tech guru **Steve Jobs** in a film about the life of the late Apple mogul, according to Variety. The film, to be directed by **Joshua Michael Stern**, will follow



Jobs' rise to power. Of course, there's some competition, as Sony Pictures is developing a rival Jobs biopic, though there's no word on who will play the computer pioneer in that film.

Efron: 'I'm just Zac'

Despite popular opinion to the contrary, **Zac Efron** doesn't consider himself a heartthrob. "I can't explain to you what it's like to be a heartthrob, [because] I don't think I am a heartthrob," Efron says in an interview with CBS Sunday Morning. "I hate [that word]. I hate it. It follows you around, but you don't deserve it. It's like, 'Why?' I'm just me. I'm just Zac. Just Zac."



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A roundup from Sunday's Academy of Country Music Awards

1. Carrie Underwood looked glam in a purple gown. The star started off the program with her new hit "Good Girl."

2. Nicole Kidman and Faith Hill were pretty seatmates at the CMAs.

3. The rock band **KISS** (um, this was the Country Music Awards, right?) presented the Vocal Group of the Year award to **Lady Antebellum**.

4. Taylor Swift accepted her second consecutive entertainer of the year award to cap Sunday's

Academy of Country Music Awards ceremony.

5. Marc Anthony and new girlfriend **Shannon de Lima** were in the audience at the CMAs, which were held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas.

6. Blake Shelton and **Lionel Richie** performed. It was a break-out night for Richie, whose country duets album, "Tuskegee," features some of country music's biggest names, including **Shania Twain**, **Kenny Chesney** and **Taylor Swift**.

7. Kenny Chesney, a cowboy hat-wearing **Ashton Kutcher** and **Brad Paisley** joked around in the audience.

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American classics for all at J.Crew

For years, J.Crew was known as the company that produced the affordably priced clothes that everyone coveted, but only Americans could actually buy. Thanks to first lady Michelle Obama, though, the rest of the world was introduced to the brand's colorful, upbeat cardigans and pencil skirts that sat just to the left of classic — they were trend-conscious enough without the risk of being out of style six months later. And then there's Jenna Lyons, the president and executive creative director of J.Crew, whose fashion celebrity seems to grow by the day. Her offbeat personal style and knack for seamlessly mixing high and low has become inextricably linked with the brand, not to mention a fashion blogger obsession. We talk

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Lyons wears the Ludlow two-button suit jacket and classic suit pant in Italian wool, \$375 and \$195 respectively, from www.jcrew.com.

of J.Crew with you. Do you feel an increasing pressure to get dressed in the morning?

It's funny because I was in the airport in London last week and this woman came up to me and said, 'Excuse me, are you Jenna Lyons?' And it was so great to have this direct connection with a new audience. But if anything, I feel an interesting amount of pressure to not do anything bizarre in public now. But getting dressed? Not so much that part.

Your fall '12 show famously featured a model who could be your twin. Did you guys seek her out?

It's funny because she was being used for Madewell and for one shoot they put glasses on her. The person doing the casting came up to me and said, 'You know this girl looks like you.' But I don't think so. The next day a blog asked, 'Is Jenna Lyons trying to make Madewell like herself?' Not in a million years would I do that! Can you imagine the narcissism? Plus, she's like 20 years younger than I am. But we brought her in for the J.Crew show because we like her. She's a smart girl.



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To 'SNL' and back

► Ex-cast member Rachel Dratch releases a memoir
► It's more than the behind-the-scenes 'Saturday Night Live' tell-all you might be expecting ► Dratch on her 'midlife miracle' of becoming a mom at 43 years old

You may know Rachel Dratch as "Debbie Downer" from her stint on "Saturday Night Live" or for her cameos on "30 Rock," but the 46-year-old comedian has more stories to tell than the standard ex-"SNL"-er's behind-the-scenes yarns.

"It all started because I wasn't getting acting jobs, basically," Dratch says dryly when asked about how she began to write her memoir, "Girl Walks Into a Bar." The actress, having parted with "SNL" in 2006 after seven years, had first decided to write a book about her dating experiences in New York City, having been courted by all manner of strange men — including one particular gem who had an interest in consuming horse meat. But then something unexpected happened.

"There was this crazy twist that happened in my life and I thought maybe I should start writing about this," she says. Dratch, at 43-years-old, after having given up on the idea of being married with kids someday, unexpectedly got pregnant and decided to make that "midlife miracle," as she calls it, the centerpiece of her book.

"I feel a little exposed about the fact that people are going to read so much about me," she says. "But, I guess it's the kind of thing that I like to read, so I was just trying to be true as a, whatever, dare I say, artist. I didn't want to gloss over things. The whole thing about not having kids is those baby showers. I think so many women feel the way that I talk about in the book — I think there's lots of disappointment in these women's hearts."

While Dratch does explore some of these sensitive issues, she's not short on the dish when it comes to her own love life and her time

"Saturday Night Live," even if she is loath to admit that her unique perspective on that legendary TV show is a fascinating component to the book.

"I don't even really want to talk about 'SNL' just because, to me, so many people have described their experience there," she says. "When I was there, it was pretty supportive. It's very competitive to get your scene on, but there wasn't a lot of ugliness or sabotage. I wasn't hiding the big story where there was backstabbing. It's such highs and such lows there. Only people that have been there understand what it's like to get your scene cut at 11 p.m. before you're going on. But then on the flip side, it's the pinnacle of sketch comedy."



Rachel on dating in the city

"In Europe, I'm a total hottie, not that I spend much time in Europe. Whenever I leave New York [or L.A., I] meet a lot of normal guys. There's a lot more normal guys not in



these big cities where everyone moves there to be the best thing. Everyone moves there to be the best in their careers and that includes dating the hottest chick. I don't know, it just seems like there's lots of trading up and looking around in L.A. and New York."

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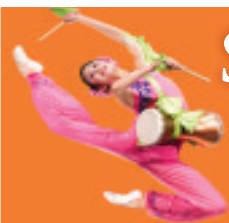
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TV watch list



► Sex-advice columnist Dan Savage is spreading his message — on his new TV show and online.

'Savage U'

REALITY. Sex advice columnist Dan Savage — the man who both founded the anti-bullying It Gets Better Project and infamously feuded with Rick Santorum to the point where Google recognizes an alternative definition for the presidential candidate's last name as a search result — launches a series in which he travels around the country visiting college campuses to talk candidly about sex, dating and relationships. **Series premiere, 11 p.m., MTV**

'Giuliana & Bill'

REALITY. Reality TV shows following the lives of celebrities aren't always about catfights and red carpets, as this season documenting "E! News" host Giuliana Rancic's diagnosis with breast cancer and the challenges she and hubby Bill

(winner of "The Apprentice" Season 1) faced during her battle with the disease can attest. **Season premiere, 8 p.m., Style**

'The Biggest Loser'

REALITY. First lady Michelle Obama invites the contestants to the White House, where the final-stretch pep talk is surely more "benefits of a backyard vegetable garden" than "most incredible state dinner menus." **8 p.m., NBC**

'Justified'

DRAMA. We're just about over this creep Quarles, who becomes even more erratic tonight. Raylan, can you please wrap things up with that whole Detroit mess and get back to smacking some sense into the local yokels? **10 p.m., FX**

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'Falling Slowly' for 'Once' on Broadway

► The indie film hit of 2006 moved off-Broadway in 2010 ► Quiet charm now full-blown on Great White Way

Since opening on Broadway on March 18, "Once" has been quietly thrumming with an undercurrent of critical praise. In the spring influx of Tony Award contenders, this one's underhyped and easy to lose sight of — but don't. The show feels like it has a there-and-then-it's-gone specialness that makes a fraternity of those who catch it in its prime. It's reminiscent of the sensuous "Brief Encounter" of 2010, hinting at a more fantastical reality just beneath the surface of everyday engagements.

Fans of the movie will like the way that the play amplifies the story while delving

more into the side characters and themes. Those who haven't seen it don't need any cues to pick up the plot on-stage; in fact, they may be spoiled for the film if they expect it to be as robust as the live production. For everyone else, it's a matter of how much you like salty-yet-saccharine ingenues with a heft of quirk (think "Amelie"). A lot of your attachment to the romance will come from your immediate impression of Cristin Milioti, who's different from archetype Marketa Irglova in that she's more pronounced — as is the classically handsome Steve Kazee from



► Cristin Milioti and Steve Kazee star in "Once," now on Broadway.

Glen Hansard, though they're arguably closer in kind. Not the sort to auto-swoon for a boy-meets-girl storyline? Instead embrace the haunting, heartbreaking melodies and two new songs. Plus, one surprising character adds just the right dash of cynicism to get you laughing at your own reluctance to give life a break — and let it give you one, too.

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The broad stage suffers no shortage of intimacy. Step right up onto the charming pub set during intermission to grab a drink, but don't expect Dublin prices — shelling out \$13 for a beer will bring you straight back to the business end of Broadway and jar the trace of enchantment you'll remember having had once.

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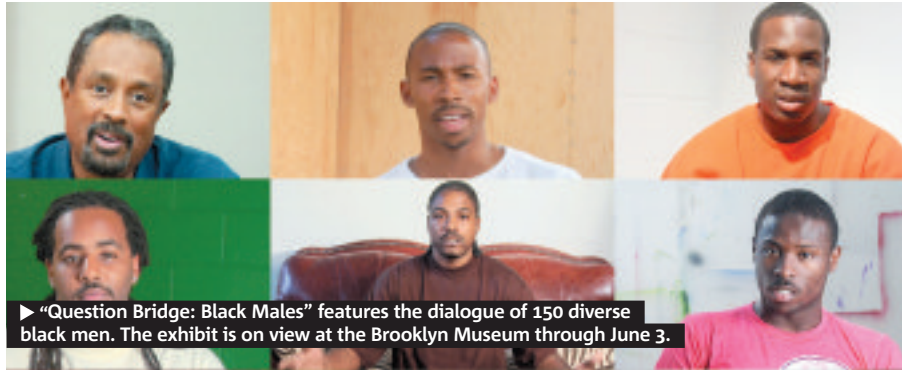
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Being a black male in America today

► Brooklyn Museum exhibit aims to represent and redefine black male identity ► Artists Hank Willis Thomas and Chris Johnson hope their 'Question Bridge' project will spark constructive dialogue and deconstruct stereotypes about African-American men



► "Question Bridge: Black Males" features the dialogue of 150 diverse black men. The exhibit is on view at the Brooklyn Museum through June 3.

What does it mean to be a black male in America today?

Artists Hank Willis Thomas and Chris Johnson set out to find out how black men self-identify for their exhibit, "Question Bridge: Black Males," currently on display at the Brooklyn Museum. The interactive art exhibit consists of more than 1,500 question-and-answer exchanges with black men filmed in schools, community centers, churches, jails, museums and private homes from all over the country.

"Most documentary-type projects have a negative or a singular voice. 'Question Bridge' is fueled by the voices of the subjects," says Willis Thomas. "The men range from everyday people to convicts to

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politicians to celebrities. It shows us that everyday people can have deep and profound things to say and to offer."

The New York City-born Willis Thomas, who defines himself as a "conceptual artist walking within the shadows of history, identity and culture and media," wanted "Question Bridge" to not only be groundbreaking in its conception, but also in how it's presented. The

exhibition includes multiple screens playing videos of the interviews, edited so that it appears as if the men are having a conversation. Visitors to the Brooklyn Museum can also check out the user-generated "Question Bridge" website, accessible on iPads throughout the gallery, which offers a platform to represent and redefine black male identity in America.

By incorporating interactive elements, Willis Thomas wants "Question Bridge" to "show there's as much diversity inside of a demographic as there is outside of it," he says. "We're trying to redefine how we look at gender and race."



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An in-depth look at mother-son relationships

► Author Kate Stone Lombardi wanted to know why sons who were close to their moms were called mamas' boys ► She's out to change the stereotype

With so much attention given to the special bonds between mothers and daughters, fathers and daughters, and fathers and sons, where does that leave mothers and sons? Kate Stone Lombardi, author of "The Mama's Boy Myth: Why Keeping Our Sons Close Makes Them Stronger," sought to find out.

"It's almost been like the elephant in the room," she says. "For some reason no one has looked at the mother-son subject. The world has changed so dramatically and yet we're still sort of stuck in this time bubble when it comes to moms and sons, this idea that them being close is somehow dangerous or wrong. We are long overdue to take a look at this relationship."

The author says that society has been quick to reject the idea of a close bond between

mother and son because the son can be perceived as weak and the mother overbearing. And while she's not asking moms to raise boys who require a maternal nudge at every turn, she does hope to in-

spire them to take an active role in their sons' lives. We wanted to learn more.

How did the idea of the mama's boy start?

I think it goes back to the Oedipus complex. The Oedipus complex is a theory that Freud wrote in 1899 — basically, it's the unconscious desire for a little boy to sleep with his mom. Freud was really writing about the unconscious, and I think we misinterpreted what he was saying. We turned it into the idea that normal, healthy mother-son affection and closeness is somehow wrong and dangerous. And that is just not true — being close to his mother benefits a boy, both when he is young and throughout his life.

How does society benefit from a boy who's close to his mom?
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Q&A: Family ties

What does your own son — an adult — think about you writing this book?

► I think he has mixed feelings.

He's read it, of course, and there's some personal anecdotes about my son in the book. But that said, he's not at all ashamed of our relationship — he's pretty proud of it.



Why Keeping Our Sons Close Makes Them Stronger
Kate Stone Lombardi



► Nurturing your boy doesn't mean he'll turn into a sissy, author Kate Stone Lombardi argues.

Q&A

Why are daddies' girls more revered in our society than mamas' boys?

I think there's really a double standard. I think dads have a lot more freedom when it comes to their daughters. A dad [who]

coaches his girl in lacrosse or even teaches her a "masculine" skill like working on a car engine is still a cool dad. For some reason it's not at all the same with moms. If a mom tries to influence her son, people start worrying that she's gonna feminize her boy. But no one worries that the dad is gonna turn his little girl into a boy by

teaching her sports. One professor at Bates College studied parents of preschoolers. The parents were totally fine if the little girls [wore] sports jerseys and played with trucks and blocks, but the same did not extend for little boys. They were OK if little boys played in the kitchen a bit, but that's it. There is a double standard.

tional intelligence. They teach them how to put their words into feelings. That is gonna serve a boy all through his life. One study showed [that with] guys who had a stronger connection to their moms, their wives and partners rated them as much better communicators. Men who really like and

respect their mothers like and respect other women. Research has shown that boys who are forced to separate prematurely from their moms — I'm talking about little guys whose moms stop cuddling them because they think they need to toughen up — go on to have a hard time with women.

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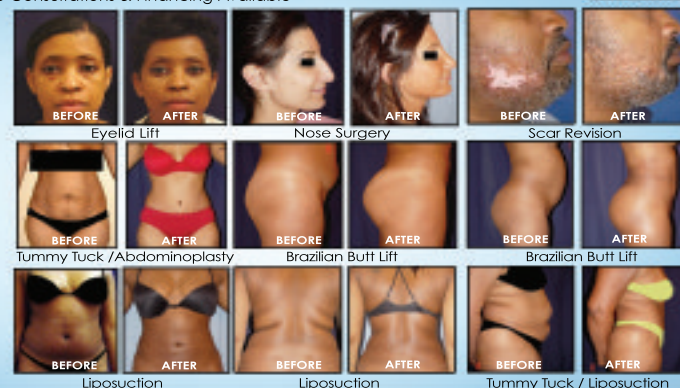
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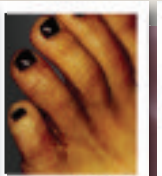
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It comes down to faith: Prayer works

RE: "PRAYER AS HEALTH CARE? GOOD LUCK": Robert La Rosa disparages prayer as health care. Yet there is no evidence that prayer does not help those who are ill, even if only psychologically. In fact, after I've seen my doctor I often pray that his diagnosis is correct. **ADELAIDE VERPONI, BROOKLYN**

It is just a question of faith. Did the guy in the Bible, whom Peter cut the ear off of, go to an emergency room? No, Jesus fixed it with nobody's help. And Jesus said we'll do more if we have enough faith. I also believe that all knowledge come from God, so why not have health care? But health care and belief in prayers can complete each other; it

doesn't have to be one or the other. **MICHELLE LAMOTHE, VIA E-MAIL**

Why do we hate each other? It's simple

As two persons — one black, one white — we, like so many others, are very angry at the killing of young Trayvon Martin. We feel it is a national emergency that people use this tragedy to once and for all understand what racism comes from and how it can end. The answer is in the important philosophy and education Aesthetic Realism, founded by Eli Siegel. It explains that there are two desires in every person, regardless of the color of their skin. The first is our deepest desire — to like the world honestly, see meaning and value in things and people.

The second is the desire for contempt, "the addition to self through the lessening of something else." Contempt is so ordinary, from making fun of a person who makes a mistake or thinking you're better than another because of the section of town you live in. Contempt is what makes for the great injustices of this world, from war to racism. **ALLAN MICHAEL AND MATTHEW D'AMICO, NEW YORK**

"Carbon dioxide is necessary for all plant life to produce oxygen."

Is Obama destroying America as payback for his angry parents? When Obama ran for president, he lied to the people of coal-producing states

concerning clean coal technology. Now he has the EPA do his bidding to shut down coal-burning power plants after he trashed the Keystone XL pipeline. But then again, Barack Hussein Obama II also lied when he debated Hillary Clinton, saying that she was for mandatory health insurance and he wasn't. When will the good people of America wake up are realized that we were duped? Carbon dioxide is necessary for all plant life to produce oxygen. Obama is either extremely stupid or intentionally trying to take America down as payback. **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

What if we tried a national lottery?

RE: "LOTTERY MANIA COULD YIELD BETTER RESULTS": Did anyone ever think of, once a year, the U.S. states hold a lottery. Numbers could be picked on Christmas or New Year's or something like that. The money could go toward lowering the deficit. **MIKE DELFINO, VIA E-MAIL**

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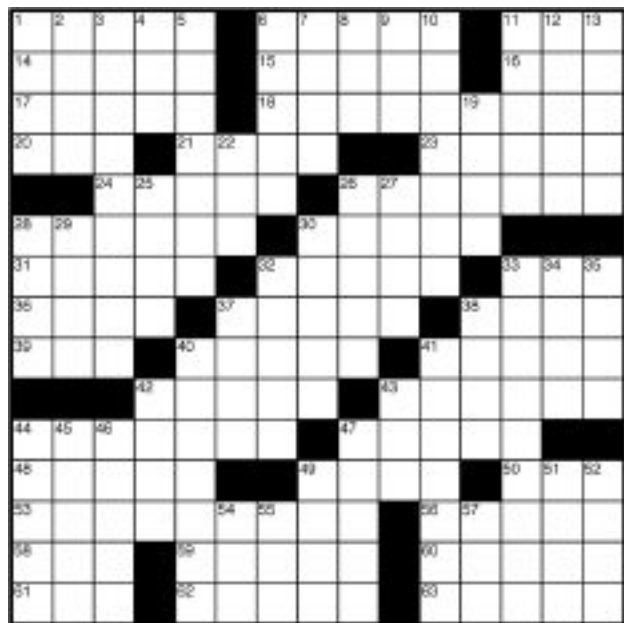
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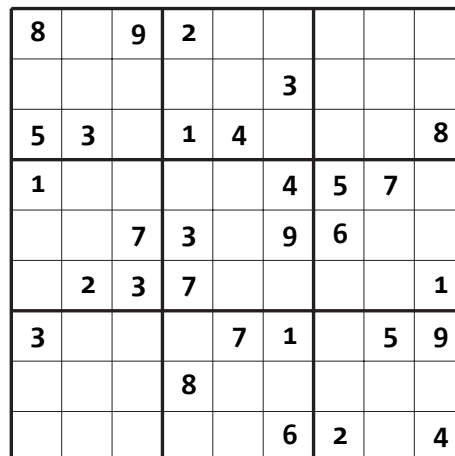
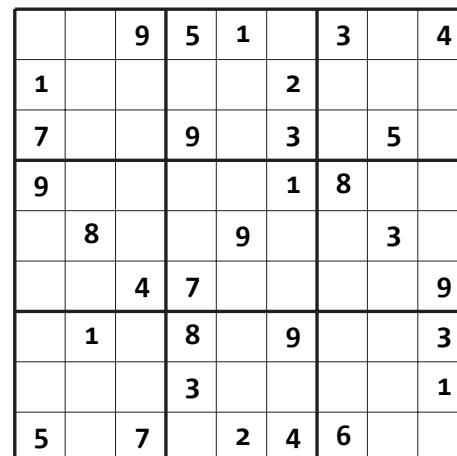
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3 SPLURGE-WORTHY SPA TRIPS FOR 2012

► Built in 1902, the beautiful Omni Mount Washington Resort & Hotel, located in Bretton Woods, N.H., sports a newly renovated spa, inset, which boasts a myriad of luxurious treatments.

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► Emerge from the long winter with a wellness-inspired pick-me-up ► Check out these rejuvenating getaways

► Omni Mount Washington Resort's mountain escape Bretton Woods, N.H.

Why go now: Fresh from a \$20 million renovation, this historic grand dame, built in 1902, features a 25,000-square-foot luxury spa with 13 treatment rooms, a fitness studio and an outdoor whirlpool touting jaw-dropping views of the White Mountains.

Best treatment: The Herbal Body treatment (75 min., \$175) incorporates a Moor Mud wrap, a massage and sugar body polish infused by fresh herbs from the spa garden.

What to do: Head to Bretton Woods, the largest ski area in New Hampshire, for a hike through hushed, wooded trails.

► Desert r & r at La Quinta Resort & Club Palm Desert, Calif.

Why go now: Like many of the Hollywood legends who visit, La Quinta, set 19 miles south of Palm Springs, has had a little nip and tuck. Ringed by the jagged Santa Rosa Mountains, the newly renovated 38-room, stucco-accented spa looks refreshed and modernized.

Best treatment: The cutting-edge anti-aging HydraFacial relies on LED light and a hi-tech machine to deliver plumping serums into the skin (30 or 90

min., \$250 or \$375).

What to do: Dine outdoors at Morgan's on a warm night and enjoy live jazz on the patio.

► A restorative retreat at Canyon Ranch Lenox, Mass.

Why go now: At this premier integrative health spa in the Berkshires, known for pampering and preventive medicine, the new medically informed Gait Analysis serves to strengthen tired feet, while Back in the Game helps reduce back pain.

Best treatment: The Detoxify-

ing Organic Seaweed Wrap (80 min., \$300), a full-body scrub, seaweed wrap and scalp/foot massage utilizes hand-harvested wild seaweed extracts and organic essential oils for silky-soft skin.

What to do: Plan your summer visit to coincide with Tanglewood, the renowned classical music festival held in Lenox.

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In the news

Pitcher Jimenez suspended for hitting Tulo

Indians pitcher — and former teammate of Troy Tulowitzki — Ubaldo Jimenez was suspended five games by MLB for throwing at the Rockies shortstop Sunday. Jimenez hit Tulowitzki in the ribs on the first pitch of his at-bat and then walked off the mound before players from both teams emptied out of the dugouts onto the field and separated the two.

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In the news

**Hard-knock life**

The Jets may be making their second appearance on HBO's "Hard Knocks."

The team was featured on the behind-the-scenes docudrama in 2010. Owner Woody Johnson said yesterday the team hadn't been contacted, but that they would listen.

Several Jets players spoke to Metro New York and said they would prefer not to be on the program.

Mets, Niese nearing long-term contract

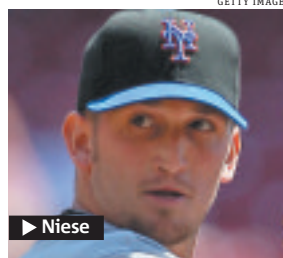
Jonathon Niese is entering only his third full season in the Mets' rotation, but apparently they'd seen enough to know they want him back for five more.

The lefty starter is reportedly close to agreeing to a five-year extension that will be somewhere in the neighborhood of Texas starter Derek

11 Niese won 11 games for the Mets in 2011, the highest total of his career, despite missing some of the season due to injury.

Holland's \$28.5 million deal, according to ESPN.

The Mets were to have still



► Niese

had Niese under control for the next four seasons, but the team is betting on Niese having been worth much more if the team had gone to arbitration on a yearly basis instead.

Niese won't turn 26 until after the season is over and has relatively few innings on his arm. The most innings he's thrown in a season is 173 2/3 in

his first full season as a starter in 2010.

He was 11-11 with a 4.20 ERA in 26 starts in 2011, but was shut down in August with a muscle strain in his right side.

Maybe the Mets see it as a good omen that Niese was born Oct. 27, 1986 — the same night they clinched their last World Series. ● MARK OSBORNE



► Woodson

Woodson walking line on practices

Interim head coach Mike Woodson said he's been walking a tightrope when deciding how much work guys should put in on off days.

He wants to practice, but doesn't want to risk tiring legs, so it's been a great challenge for him and his staff to figure it out on the fly.

"I was tired [after eight games in 11 nights], so I know the players were tired. But guys came back today energized and ready to play. From a coaching standpoint I'm walking a slippery slope in terms of guys being nicked up, like Tyson [Chandler] and [Carmelo Anthony] and Baron [Davis]. I can't get much out of them in practice today, so they mainly watched. Hopefully that [rest] will do them some good [tonight]."

Woodson also allowed he could go very deep into his bench to compensate for the loss of bigs Amar'e Stoudemire (back) and Jared Jeffries (knee). He said he'd likely play Josh Harrellson and seldom-used Jerome Jordan, as well as using Anthony as a power forward in a small lineup.

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► Baron Davis will be starting and playing major minutes as the only true point guard on the team with Jeremy Lin injured.

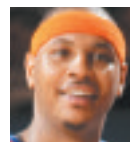
You got your wish

- Knicks fans were clamoring for Baron Davis before Linsanity broke out
- With Lin's injury, veteran is key starter ► Be careful what you wish for

As the Knicks enter the regular-season homestretch they'll be doing so on their last legs — perhaps literally.

A torn meniscus has shelved Linsanity for the foreseeable future, as point guard Jeremy Lin is out at least the regular season and almost certainly the first round of the playoffs, should they hold onto their lead for the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference standings.

"The season is what it is, [but] everybody is going through it," said interim head coach Mike Woodson. "There's just not enough time to teach



"I know what type of player Baron is. We know what he can bring when he's healthy."

CARMELO ANTHONY, KNICKS

and if you have injuries that makes it even worse. But I still

have to find a way to push them. ... It's been a crazy season."

The craziness has been taken to new heights now that Lin's injury has given way to a full-time role for Baron Davis. The Knicks' main storyline went from a point guard who rose from obscurity to a point guard who was once a shining star, but is now merely a savvy veteran role player.

Davis, who's been battling his own maladies, said he has no other option but to try to pick up the slack. Banged up or not, the once-explosive point

guard said sitting out isn't a choice.

"I gotta be ready. No choice. So, I'll give it my all and see where that leaves us," said Davis, who's been nursing a sore hamstring as well as a herniated disk that kept him out most of the season. "We want to finish these last 13 games as strong as possible. It's difficult considering the meat of our roster is injured. But everyone has to band together and play team basketball."

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Isles' owner expects more next season

That the New York Islanders would miss the playoffs for a fifth straight season has long been a foregone conclusion.

It became reality Saturday afternoon when the Islanders were formally eliminated from postseason play following their 6-3 loss to the Bruins at the Nassau Coliseum.

A day later, Islanders owner Charles Wang spoke to MSG Network in his first interview since the team's plans to build a new stadium in Nassau County were voted down last August.

"I want to thank the fans for their support. I know it's been a year with its ups and downs," Wang told MSG's Howie Rose. "I'm really looking forward to next season."

Wang chose not to address rumors the team was looking into moving to the Barclays Center — the future home of the Nets —



► Wang

in Brooklyn. He was effusive in his praise of the new arena, however.

"It's a beautiful facility," Wang said. "I'm a little jealous, obviously. I think you can understand why."

Wang used the interview to express dissatisfaction with the political boondoggle surrounding the building of a new arena.

"We believe we will be in the New York area," Wang said. He later added: "Everybody should be held accountable. We, as citizens, should hold all the ones we elect accountable."

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One (more) for all

► Rangers get second chance to lock up division, conference titles tonight in Philly ► Tortorella playing it close to vest ► Team learning from losses

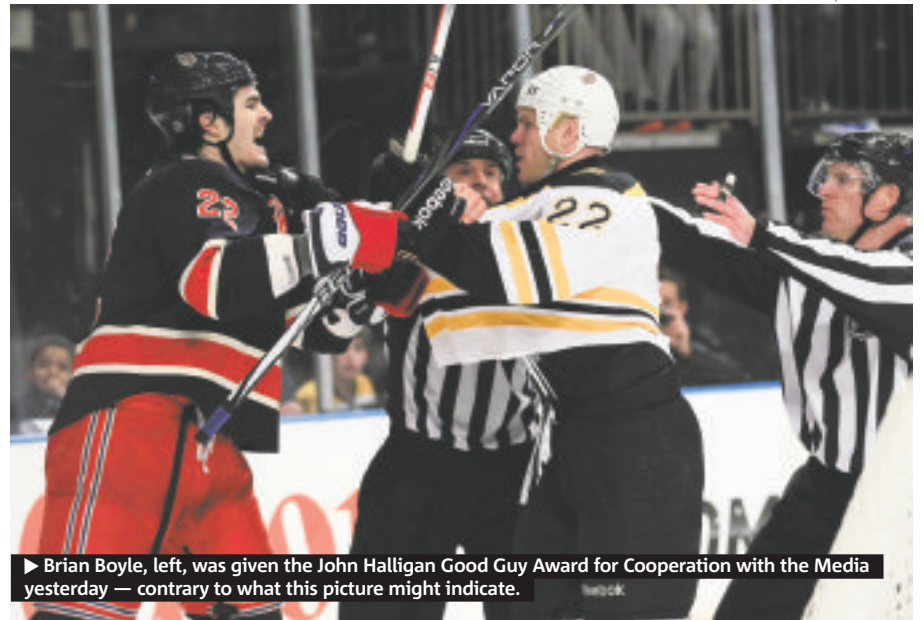
Rangers head coach John Tortorella was asked three questions during his pregame press conference Sunday afternoon, a little more than two hours before the Rangers would drop a 2-1 decision to the Bruins. Each question was about whether there was any significance to clinching both the Atlantic Division and Eastern Conference.

Tortorella said "no" three times before he abruptly stalked away from the dais.

While the coach professed not to assign any relevance to winning the franchise's first regular season conference championship and division since 1993-94, his charges recognize the heavyweight portion of their campaign has unofficially commenced.

"We got three good teams coming up," Brian Boyle said after the loss Sunday night. The Rangers will complete the Atlantic Division portion of their schedule tonight in Philadelphia and Thursday in Pittsburgh before ending the season Saturday night at the Garden against the Capitals.

"We can learn [from the loss]. It [stinks] to lose, al-



► Brian Boyle, left, was given the John Halligan Good Guy Award for Cooperation with the Media yesterday — contrary to what this picture might indicate.

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ways. No one's happy in here, but we can learn from it and get better."

That hasn't been a problem for the Rangers against the Flyers this season. The Rangers have won the first five games of the regular season series by an aggregate score of 19-8. Dating back to the final two meetings of last season, the Rangers are 7-0 against Philadelphia.

If they keep that streak alive they will clinch the division and conference tonight in Philadelphia. They need just one point thanks to the Flyers' win over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

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Just one point

Rangers alternate captain Brad Richards said the team knew what it needed to do to clinch the best record in the conference, but they won't worry about it.

► "You don't go into a game thinking about one point," Richards said Sunday. "It would have been nice to win. We all know what's at stake, but we've still got three games left in the season to continue what we want to do here."

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► Miller was pleased at yesterday's Hall of Fame announcement.

Miller, Nelson get Hall of Fame nods

You'll have to pardon Knicks fans if they try to avoid Springfield, Mass., this September.

Knicks killer extraordinaire Reggie Miller highlighted the 2012 class named to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame yesterday.

Former Knicks coach Don Nelson, the winningest in

NBA history, and three-time college basketball player of the year Ralph Sampson will also be inducted.

Miller was a five-time All-Star and ranks second all-time in 3-point makes and attempts and 17th in all-time scoring in the league.

But for Knicks fans he will

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Miller averaged 18.2 points per game over his 18-year career in Indiana. He averaged 20.6 in 144 career playoff games.

always be remembered for 8.9 seconds in Game 1 of the 1995 Eastern Conference semifinals when he scored eight points and singlehandedly won the game for Indiana.

Nelson coached the Knicks for just one season in 1995-96, resigning partway through.

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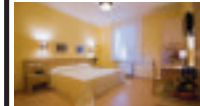
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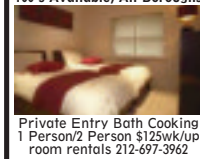
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